

W-L Grapplers Top Wakefield In New Series

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Washington-Lee High School came from behind to slip by Wakefield in a wrestling match last night on the losers' canvas by a score of 26-17.

Howard Sutton bounced Wakefield into the lead in the initial square-off by winning a decision over the Generals' Lee Betts. Ronnie Heineman followed with a decision over Washington-Lee's Curley Hobbs in the 120 pound class to shove the lead to 6-0 favouring Wakefield. Wakefield continued jacking it up when Doug Miller was chosen over Mike Lowe to put the Warriors ahead 9-0.

Bill Player put W-L back into the squabble by pinning Joe Crunkilton with fifty-eight seconds left in the first period to bring the margin down to 6-5. Dusty Silver pushed Washington-Lee out front by pinning Toney Rudgers after twenty-eight seconds of the second two-minute period.

Washington-Lee continued piling it on as Will Heron grabbed a decision over Chuck Warner to make the talley 13-9 with W-L ahead. Bill Slaughter moved in with a decision over Wakefield's Jerry Hand to make it 16-9.

Wakefield bounced back as Joe Patalive was out-pointed the Generals' George Vasmadjidis. Warrior Steve Hall followed with a fall over Phil Gilbert to nose Wakefield ahead 17-16.

Washington-Lee's captain, Jim Wood, came on the mat to flatten the shoulders of Jim MacIntosh to give the Generals a comfortable 21-16 spread.

In the final pair-off in the unlimited weight division, the big boys struggled for team victory as Bob Carter of Washington-Lee faced Porky Pennell of Wakefield. A pin over Carter would have giving the battle to the Warriors despite W-L's fat lead but Bob Carter pasted Porky's shoulders to the mat after eighteen seconds of the second period to give the Generals the final 26-17 triumph.